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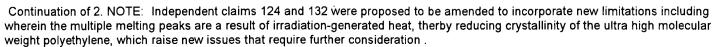
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THE REPLY FILED 29 April 2003 FAILS TO PLACE TH Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (' condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appe Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.	 a timely filed amendment whi al (with appeal fee); or (3) a time 	cation. A proper reply to a ich places the application in				
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a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advevent, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later the ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS 706.07(f). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The dathave been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extensions of the shortened (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three molearned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).	visory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the ian SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE te on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.1 sion and the corresponding amount of the distatutory period for reply originally set in the statutory period for the statutory period fo	f the final rejection. E FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 136(a) and the appropriate extension fee efee. The appropriate extension fee under the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in				
1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.						
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:						
(a) 🛛 they raise new issues that would require furth	er consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);				
(b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);						
(c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or						
(d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.						
NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.						
$3. \boxtimes$ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection	tion(s): See Continuation Sheet					
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).						
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:						
The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.						
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment explanation of how the new or amended claims we						
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:						
Claim(s) allowed:						
Claim(s) objected to:						
Claim(s) rejected: <u>124-136</u> .						
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 1-123 and	<u>137-149</u> .					
8. The proposed drawing correction filed on is	B. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.					
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10. Other:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
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Continuation of 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): by proof of claimed subject matter present in parent application 08/726,313, filed October 2, 1996, the art of McKellop and Saum is disqualified as prior art and applicant has overcome the rejections of claims 124-136 based on this reason.

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